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FULL RADIUS DANCE
SHAWN EVANGELISTA | RENEE BENETEAU |
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Michelle Ramos, Chair

Dr. Michelle Ramos brings a deep and incredibly robust diversity of experience to her new role as Executive Director of Alternate Roots. Her background includes most recently working in criminal justice reform as Project Director of the Vera Institute of Justice, philanthropic work as a Program Officer at Women's Foundation of California and service organization leadership as Board Chair of Dance/USA.

In addition to being a licensed attorney, she has significant organizing experience and has committed her career to serving communities and individuals adversely impacted by issues of race, gender, disability, class, socio-economics, inequitable laws and systemic oppression.

Ramos, a retired professional ballet dancer has worked as an executive director for multiple non-profit arts organizations in many cities across the U.S. and was director of Dance/NYC from 2006-2010. She also serves on the boards of Dancing Grounds and BAR None in New Orleans.

She is the proud mother Broadway choreographer, Ellenore Scott, and since retiring from her own dance career, Ramos has continued teach dance, has competed as an Ironman triathlete, and now enjoys her southern New Orleans lifestyle.

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